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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD -- GBAKPOMA

1. GBAKPOMA EN ROUTE LIBREVILLE FROM NEW YORK VIA PARIS WITH LETTER TO GENERAL ELECTRIC FROM EXIMBANK RE FINANCING GE LOCOMOTIVES, WHICH HE WILL USE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GABONESE. ETA LIBREVILLE OCTOBER 23. HE WILL PROBABLY CONTACT EMBASSY BEFORE OR IN COURSE DISCUSSIONS.

2. FYI: GBAKPOMA REPORTEDLY MIFFED AT GE FOR REFUSING ADVANCE COMMISSION SO HE CAN QUOTE OPERATE UNQUOTE WITH TRANSGABON CONTACTS PARIS AND LIBREVILLE. GE/NEW YORK HAS TOLD HIM ITS PARIS OFFICE WILL COVER RELEVANT ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES LATTER CITY, PROVIDED THEY ARE ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED. GE DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, PLAN ANY ADVANCES ON COMMISSION, WHICH WILL BE PAID IF AND WHEN CONTRACT SIGNED WITH GABONESE. DESPITE UNWILLINGNESS BEND CUSTOMARY COMPANY AGENT AGREEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE GBAKPOMA'S ENTERTAINMENT PLANS, GE WELL SATISFIED WITH
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GBAKPOMA'S EFFORTS RE LOCOMOTIVES SALE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, GET INVOLVED GE-
GBAKPOMA TIFF, BUT MAY FIND INFO PARA 2, ABOVE, HELPFUL
IN ANY FORTHCOMING CONTACTS GBAKPOMA OR IN INTERPRETING
HIS ACTIVITIES (END FYI)
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